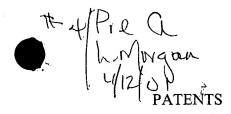
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Tsutomu NIWA

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For: GAME MACHINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Claims 3, line 1, delete "or 2,";

Claim 4, line 1, change "any one of claims 1 to 3," to -- claim 1 --;

Claim 5, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 4," to -- claim 1 --;

Claim 8, change "any of claims 1 to 7," to -- claim 1 --.
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